



REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004 in which the Examiner rejects all the pending claims as being obvious over combinations of Barnes ("10 Minute Guide To Windows 3.1", SAMS, 1992), Warmus et al (US Patent No. 6,327,599) and Ikenoue et al (US Patent No. 5,987,127) under 35USC §103(a).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the Examiner. In particular, Applicant does not agree with the assertion of the Examiner that Warmus et al, with a teaching of the print spool from Barnes, implies the distinguishing feature of the present invention that the data is intercepted when it is being sent from a print spool to a printer, as defined in all independent claims 1, 5, 10, 11 and 15.

More specifically, Applicant does not agree with the assertion of the Examiner that the above underlined distinguishing feature of the present invention is obvious because Warmus discloses that the interception of data happens after the template files 106 leave the personal computer 54 (which is presumed to have a print spool from the teaching of Barnes). Applicant respectfully submits that no print spool (if any) in the personal computer 54 is involved in the operation of Warmus system, even though the personal computer 54 may comprise a print spool. Warmus discloses a system in which demand printers 62, under the control of a control unit 52, are used to print various versions of books based on the template files 106 and database 108 generated by the personal computer 54 (Figs. 3 & 5). It is clearly described in Warmus that the template files 106 and the database 108 created by the personal computer 54 are downloaded to the control unit 52 (see col. 10, lines 9 – 14). Therefore, no print spool (if any) in the computer 54 is involved in the printing process in Warmus, and of course Warmus does not imply that the interception happens after the template files 106 leave a print spool (if any) in the computer 54.

To avoid any misinterpretation, Applicant further amended all independent claims 1, 5, 10,

11 and 15 to expressly and unambiguously define that the print spool is the one associated with the printer.

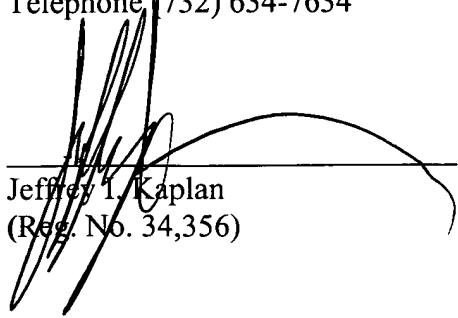
Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 5, 10, 11 and 15 are not obvious over a combination of Barnes and Warmus under 35USC §103(a), and are therefore believed patentable since Ikenoue et al (US Patent No. 5,987,127) does not disclose the above underlined distinguishing feature, either. At least for the same reasons, dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, 12-14 and 16-18 are also believed patentable as each of them includes all the limitation in one of the independent claims 1, 5, 10, 11 and 15.

The applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the above remarks and amendments. A fee for requesting a one-month extension is enclosed. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

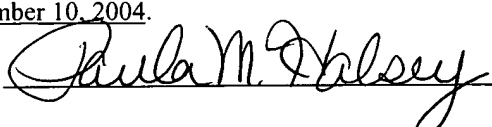
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